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The Premier
Resigns

WITH reluctance, Britain bids farewell to one of its greatest Prime Ministers; with equal reluctance, Sir Winston Churchill relinquishes his high office in the full flower of his greatness and glory, conscious of his purpose fulfilled; conscious, too, of his country's triumphant recovery from the wreck and ruin of war.

Under his supreme guidance, a new Britain has emerged, more vital, more forceful, more fully aware of its destiny as one of the world's leading powers for peace and progress. In this transition, dating from the narrow self-interest of late Victorian times, Sir Winston has made his full contribution. The achievements of his lifetime form a brilliant era in the pages of our history.

Britain may never again see the like of Churchill, the statesman. Yet it is not to be supposed that with his departure from the Treasury benches, the stature and authority associated with the country's 20th century renaissance will become things of the past.

THE machinery created by Churchill's Government survives and constitutes a noble heritage for his successors. No less capable a politician and leader is the new Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, who in the last 15 years has proved himself an able and diligent deputy standing high in the esteem of his party and country.

His strength in the Cabinet has always been something to be reckoned with. The British contribution of troops to Europe last year and the agreement with Egypt to leave the Suez Canal zone are but two of his recent personal triumphs. As a statesman and diplomat, he has established a long record of success; last year's Geneva agreements, the Trieste settlement and the establishment of the West European Union at the London and Brussels conferences are among his outstanding accomplishments of last year.

If the future shows that Churchill left the Premiership on the threshold of momentous events, it is likely to show also that Sir Anthony Eden is fully worthy of his preferment, for there can be no doubt that he will acquit himself with honour and distinction.

IT is a matter of regret that Sir Winston could not achieve his final triumph, the settlement of outstanding East-West problems at top-level talks with President Eisenhower and the Russian Premier. That task remains a challenge to the new leader of the Government, however, and Britain may have every confidence that Sir Anthony is assured of equal chances of success.

Within the Conservative Party itself, Sir Winston's decision has for long been accepted as inevitable. The Tories will not be stricken by any sudden sense of loss: ample provision has been made for his departure and a galaxy of stars remain in the Party's firmament. The long-awaited reconstruction of the Government is now possible and Party decisions to be taken shortly should show that the Cabinet will have a much needed infusion of "young blood".

The change of power should therefore be completed smoothly and without any disturbance to the existing administration; that is undoubtedly as Sir Winston would want it.

WORLD PRAISES CHURCHILL

Premier-Designate



SIR ANTHONY EDEN

A Gracious
Toast To
The Queen

London, Apr. 5. Official quarters today released the text of the short speech made by Sir Winston Churchill in proposing the health of Queen Elizabeth at the dinner he gave at Downing Street last night in honour of the Sovereign.

Sir Winston Churchill said: "I have the honour of proposing a toast which I used to enjoy drinking during the years when I was a cavalry subaltern in the reign of Your Majesty's great-grandmother, Queen Victoria.

"Having served in office or in parliament under the four sovereigns who have reigned since those days, I felt, with these credentials, that in asking Your Majesty's gracious permission to propose this toast I should not be leading to the creation of a precedent which would often cause inconvenience.

HELP & INSPIRATION

"Madame, I should like to express the deep and lively sense of gratitude which we and all your peoples feel to you and to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh; for all the help and inspiration we receive in our daily lives and which spreads with evergrowing strength throughout the British realm and the Commonwealth and Empire."

"Never have we needed it more than in the anxious and darkening age through which we are passing, and through which we hope to help the world to pass."

"Never have the august duties which fall upon the British monarchy been discharged with more devotion than in the brilliant opening of Your Majesty's reign. We thank God for the gift he has bestowed upon us and vow ourselves to the sacred cause and wife and kindly way of life which Your Majesty is the young, gleaming champion."

Sir Winston then proposed the health of the Duke of Edinburgh.

When all were again seated, the Queen rose and said she wished to do something which probably few of her predecessors had had an opportunity of doing and that was to propose the health of her Prime Minister. Reuter.

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Persian Premier
Resigning?

Teheran, Apr. 5. Iranian Premier Fazlollah Zahedi would probably offer his resignation today to Shah Reza Pahlevi, according to rumours in the evening newspapers here. Political circles were speculating on the probable succession of Court Minister Hossein Ali. In bad health for several weeks, Zahedi had asked the Shah to authorize a trip to Germany for him.

Warm-Hearted
Tributes On
Retirement
"A PRODIGIOUS
CAREER"

London, Apr. 5. The world today paid tribute to Sir Winston Churchill on his retirement as Prime Minister of Britain.

This is how statesmen and others reacted to the news that he had asked the Queen to be relieved of his post.

M. Edgar Faure, Prime Minister of France: "No political career has been so full, so fruitful, so prodigious.

"It is with satisfaction that he glances back at the task he has accomplished, at the success piled on success, and at the decisive influence he has exercised at historic moments on world history.

"He has been the champion of liberty and democracy. For this we give him our grateful thanks."

M. Achille van Acker, Prime Minister of Belgium, said: "Never perhaps in humanity's history has a man so deeply embodied the spirit of the peoples as Sir Winston Churchill during the Second World War... the Belgian people take this opportunity of renewing its profound gratitude to Sir Winston Churchill."

General Alfred M. Gruenthal, Supreme Commander Allied Powers in Europe: "We at SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters) have forever revered Sir Winston for his inspiration to us and to men of goodwill everywhere. We salute him and hope he will long be spared to continue his wise counsel to the free world."

M. Johannes Strijdom, Prime Minister of South Africa: "I wish on behalf of my fellow South Africans to congratulate him on a long and fruitful term of office that has now been terminated. During his lifetime he has in various capacities rendered great service to his country and people."

"During the Second World War he not only inspired his countrymen at time of crisis when everything seemed lost but led them through that period of crisis to ultimate victory."

"At the age of 80, Sir Winston Churchill leaves the public scene at the zenith of his power and prestige and as one of the most dynamic political figures that Europe has ever produced."

"Long after he has disappeared the echo of his stirring phrases will keep ringing in the ears of his people for he had words and faith to speak direct to their hearts."

"Where he has now laid aside the burdens of office his friends and countrymen will ungrudgingly wish him a quiet and happy, long and well deserved rest and everlasting."

Dr Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, said: "He was deeply moved by the resignation of the man who 'offered a helping hand' to Germany after the war."

"We in the free world shall always need his advice. The world will be grateful that Sir Winston Churchill will continue to use his forethought and his experience in the House of Commons to the advantage of Britain and the world."

M. Paul Henri Spaak, Belgian Foreign Minister: "Tonight when Sir Winston Churchill retires from his high duties it is appropriate that we should once again express to him our feelings of admiration and respectful affection."

"He will always remain the most honoured figure of the second world war, one of those who during those crucial days contributed most to save Europe and liberty."

Mr Sam Rayburn, Democrat Speaker of the United States House of Representatives:

"Churchill's yielding of the helm in Great Britain does not mean that his brilliance, his strength of character and his ideals will be lost to his times. His presence still will be strongly felt not only in the halls of parliament but in the councils of government everywhere and among ordinary men wherever they may be."

"His contributions to freedom and to dignity will not come to an end now or in the days to come."

M. Paul Reynaud, Premier at the time of the fall of France, said: "This voluntary step down from power has the grandeur one could expect from a figure who belongs not only to the history of his own country, of which he is one of the greatest men, but also to the history of the free world."



SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

No London Papers
To Tell The Story

London, Apr. 5.

All the world outside London will read tomorrow that Sir Winston Churchill has resigned—but 10 million Londoners cut off by the newspaper strike must depend on the BBC for word of the biggest domestic "story" of the year.

A Conservative member, Mr Richard Pilkington, asked in the House of Commons today if the government would make special efforts to have newspapers published "at least for one day in case there is any event of special importance to report."

Members of both sides laughed nervously but no reply was offered.

Mr Harry Crookshank, Leader of the Commons, told another questioner that the government did not propose to publish an official London newspaper during the strike.

Speaking for the Board of Trade, Mr Austin Low, Minister of State, told a questioner that the 1,400 tons of newsprint which has accumulated daily since 700 technicians struck work and halted the press of Fleet Street 11 days ago could be used to publish bigger papers up to May 29. Rationing is spread over a period of 12 weeks, he explained.

The executives of the strikers union—the electricians and the engineers—today formally "recognised" the strike and agreed to backdate strike pay to members involved.

Both unions will give evidence to the three-man court of inquiry which will open hearings tomorrow.

The engineers, the second largest British trade union, will be represented by a Communist member of its executive, Mr Joe Scott. Their members involve the Federation of Printing Unions, over 15,000 of whose

Witticism In
The House

"We Want
Winnie" Chanted
The Crowd

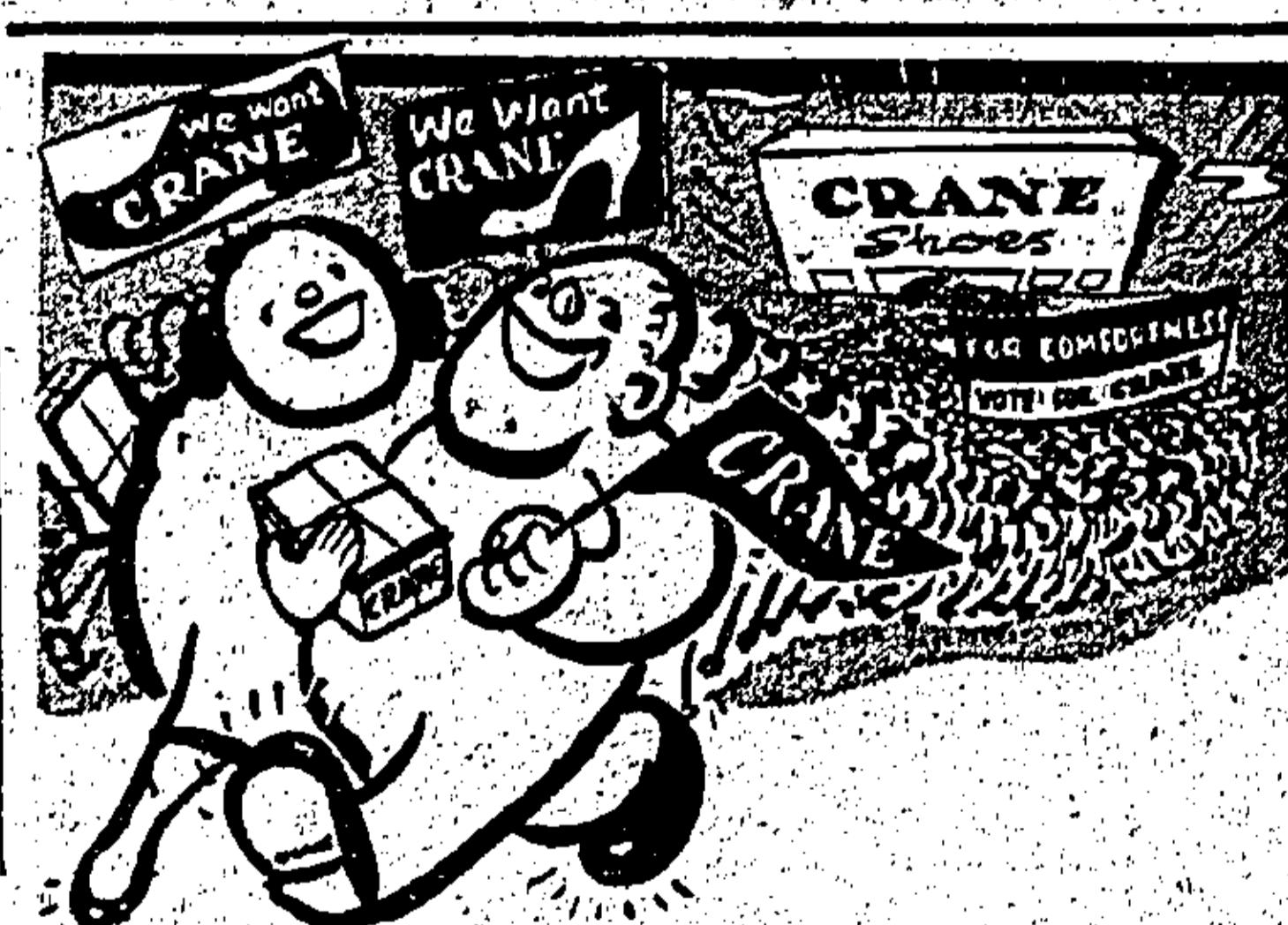
London, Apr. 5.

Sir Winston Churchill, in response to repeated calls of "We want Winnie" from the crowds still outside 10 Downing Street late tonight, appeared at a window to give his famous wartime "V" sign salute 11 times.

He had changed from formal dress and was wearing one of the siren suits he wore during the war, with a white open-neck shirt.

After Sir Winston Churchill's appearance at the window, about 200 people waited hoping he would appear again. They still cried "Come on Winston" and sang "We want a jolly good fellow."

The Speaker curiously remarked the matter did not within his power—China Mail Special.



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DUSK-TO-DAWN CURFEW IN

SAIGON

More Battalions Ordered Into The City GENERAL'S DEMANDS

Saigon, Apr. 5. The Government today ordered a dusk-to-dawn curfew to avoid "regrettable incidents" as it brought three more battalions of reinforcements into the city.

It already has 12,000 well-armed men quartered in Saigon to oppose some 10,000 Binh Xuyen commandos and reservists entrenched in suburban Cholon.

E. Germany Asks For Toll Talks

Berlin, Apr. 5. EAST Germany has suggested a resumption of inter-zonal trade talks broken off by the West Germans last week after the Communists increased road tolls between Berlin and West Germany. Reliable sources said here today.

They said the proposal to begin the talks again on Thursday was made in a note sent to West German officials yesterday, the contents of which have not been published.

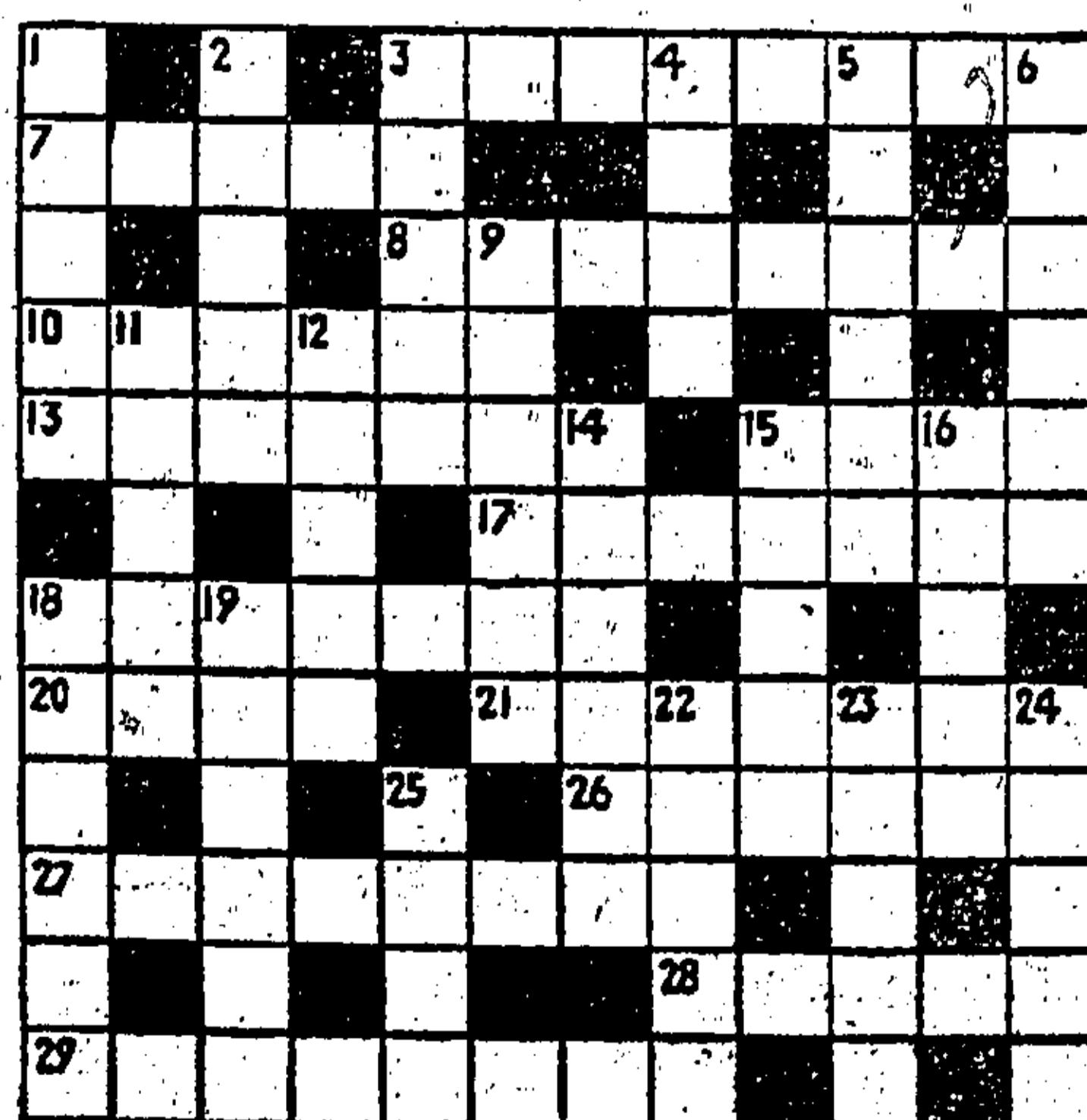
It was in reply to a West German note suggesting that negotiations on the tolls should start yesterday. But the East German reply sidestepped the question of road tolls, the sources said.

East Germany increased the road tolls last Friday by between 100 and 1,100 per cent. The Western Powers protested and talks were held between East and West German trading officials with no result beyond the East German note.

EXCEPTIONS

Travellers reported tonight that East German police at border crossing points had intensified controls on lorries. Previously some latitude from the tolls was possible under the "special vehicles" clause including those carrying fresh meat, milk and fuel to West Berlin. Now these had to pay tolls according to weight like all other lorries, travellers said. The only exception were ambulances, hearses and earth-clearing vehicles.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Declared (8).
- 7 Mistake (3).
- 8 Wages (3).
- 10 Seas (6).
- 12 Seaboard (7).
- 14 Active (4).
- 17 Went in (7).
- 18 Swords (3).
- 20 Dialect (4).
- 21 Material (7).
- 26 Standard (6).
- 27 Enclosed (8).
- 28 Skilled (5).
- 29 Curb (8).

DOWN

- 1 Spanish title (5).
- 2 Angler's basket (5).
- 3 Central part of amphitheatre (5).
- 4 Tassels (4).
- 5 Adviser (6).
- 6 Hurried (6).
- 8 Aver (8).
- 11 Tree (5).
- 12 Eagle's nest (5).
- 14 Make certain of (6).
- 15 Stop (5).
- 16 Poetry rhythm (5).
- 18 Kind of jacket (6).
- 19 Sacred songs (8).
- 22 Carving chair (5).
- 23 Senior (5).
- 24 Revives (6).
- 25 Health (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Picnic, 5 Raise, 8 Coved, 9 Travel, 10 Vague, 11 Sober, 12 Eats, 13 Reaps, 16 Behest, 18 Scaled, 20 Steel, 22 Bill, 23 Llama, 25 Viola, 26 Illude, 27 Adits, 28 Peers, 29 Solemn, Down: 1 Patterns, 2 Chastise, 3 Ices, 4 Colonel, 5 Revered, 6 Adores, 7 Stump, 14 Attitude, 15 Scalpene, 16 Ballads, 17 Hermits, 19 Cellar, 21 Twine, 24 Also.

THE CHINA MAIL, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1955.

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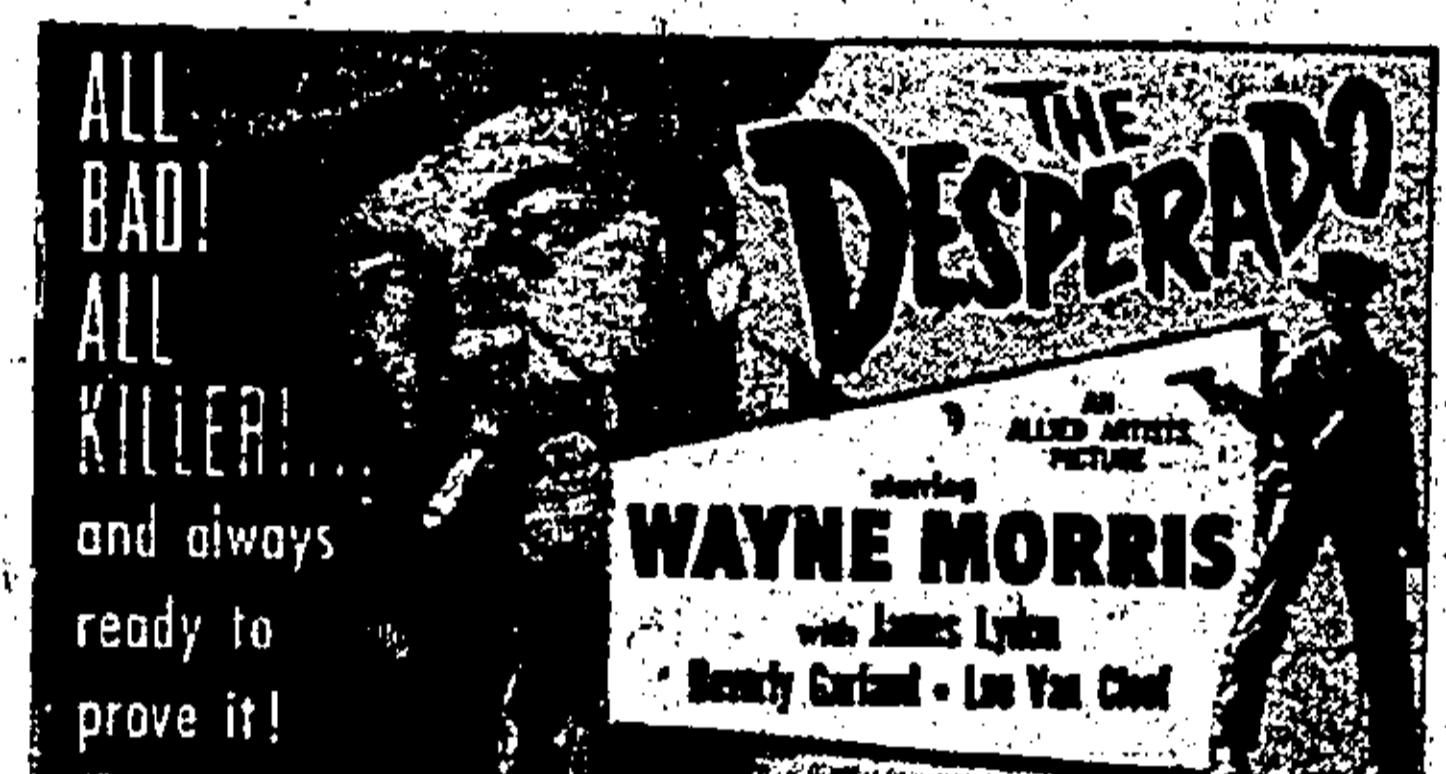
HOT + BUNS

From the Colony's Bakers

Lane, Crawford's

EMPIRE

★ FINAL TO-DAY ★
AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.



POTENTIAL PRESIDENTS

Rio de Janeiro, Apr. 5. A spate of resignations caused by political maneuverings for the presidential succession swept Brazil today.

Senador Eugenio Gudin, 63-year-old Brazilian Finance Minister, and Colonel Jardim Ramos, Minister of Communications, resigned. So did the director of the Bank of Brazil, Senador Clemente Mariani—Reuter.

Picture shows: (Left to right) Dr. Frank L. Martini and Dr Stewart C. Waggoner, Schenectady, N.Y., Pediatricians, preparing an Rh-negative infant for an exchange transfusion in an operation that saved the baby's life.—Express Photo.

TO-MORROW



Capitol

TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

ON PANORAMIC SCREEN



RITZ

SHOWING
TO-DAY



WARNER BROS. PRESENTS IN WALTER LUDWIG
GIG YOUNG, ETHEL BARRYMORE, DOROTHY MALONE

Nathaniel Gubbins

WHEN Easter comes I always think of motor cars because it was usually at Easter that my life partner, the Plucky Little Woman, bought a new car with the money she had saved out of hard work in Fleet Street.

At that time cars were cheap and income tax laughable. Our last car was stolen and wrecked in 1939 by a 17-year-old hooligan who was not smacked often enough when he was a boy.

We have not owned a car since we have both had our driving licences renewed and are wondering if we shall start motorizing again.

Perhaps it would be easier to say that I am wondering, because the P.L.W. has no doubts about it at all. This is partly due to her enthusiasm for driving and partly to her natural optimism and the luck which usually attends the activities of optimists.

For instance, she appeared to believe that so long as you pushed something forward, pulled something backwards, and stepped on something a car would go on for ever without petrol, oil, water, or air. I don't think she ever knew what an oil gauge was or what an oil dipper was for. If you mentioned air pressure in the tyres she would think you were a fuss pot.

She never understood that water evaporated. On one occasion when she was driving happily along with the last pint of water steaming out of the radiator and the engine (short of oil) on the point of seizing up, a young man drove alongside her and shouted, "You're hot, you're hot!" She called back gaily, "You're not bad yourself," and drove on, knocking a dent in his wing.

Chaps' Fashions

EASTER is also the time of all the year when chaps of all ages appear in new and sometimes startling clothes.

Although young chaps are unselfconscious about wearing bright check shirts and scarves, poison green trousers, puce-jackets, and canary yellow

cardigans, older chaps prefer their old tweed suits patched at the elbow and cuffs with leather and their old rumpled grey flannel trousers they never seem to remove for a sleep in the afternoon.

But on one rainy night the starved engine stopped on a lonely road. Instead of walking to the nearest telephone box to call for help she stopped a motorcyclist and explained her predicament. This gallant knight of the road solved the problem by taking off a shoe, siphoning petrol into it from his tank and transferring it to hers. He made six journeys in all, hopping on one foot in the rain, until she had enough fuel to get to the next garage.

It was always my misfortune to take over the car when it was just about to break up owing to neglect, though I was often unlucky with new cars.

There was one model which literally came to pieces in my hands. First the radiator fell off the road, then the back axle broke, and finally a back wheel snapped off at 50 miles an hour, raced ahead of me, and bumped over a hedge.

So if I cannot share the P.L.W.'s enthusiasm perhaps I may be excused, particularly as she is careless about leaving things in motor-cars after

I once opened the boot to find it full of empty milk-bottles, moldering buns, and slices of green bread coated with white fur.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

OUR ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE CLOSED FOR EASTER AS FOLLOWS—

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 8th
EASTER MONDAY APRIL 11th

BUT WILL BE OPEN ON

SATURDAY APRIL 9th AS USUAL
HONGKONG STORE 8.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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Les Miserables

MY two invalids, reported last week to be down with flu, are now up, tottering about the house on shaky legs and suffering acutely from post-influenza depression.

Although I no longer have to interrupt my reading and scribbling to make tea, cook lunch, and produce endless glasses of orange juice, the house is engulfed in gloom, the leather patches and the grease spots and the cosy feeling of well-worn tweeds.

In fact, he feels so unhappy in them that he may stay indoors all over Easter rather than face the contemptuous glances of Harlequin and Christopher Robin in his little boy hat.

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers

OUT of a Mid-West American town in 1860 Adam Pontipee brings a bride, Millie Brown, to his farm in the hills. But he is appalled to find that his six brothers also live there, as raucous and reckless as himself.

What to do? Adam decides that his brothers must KIDNAP six girls from the town, with a preacher to marry them. They return with the girls, but forget the preacher... as an avalanche cuts off the farm from the town. Now Millie continues the story...

By LEONARD MCSLEY

I WAS so mad I could have taken a horse-whip to those grinning Pontipee boys. Here were six attractive young girls, carried off in the middle of the night by my wild brothers-in-law — and cut off by the avalanche from civilisation until spring.

Of course, the Devil Cat is doing her best to cause an accident. To her these pale ghosts in dressing-gowns and slippers are fair game. They are weak and helpless and their legs are bare. What could be greater fun for a Devil Cat than to wait on the bottom stair, spring at their defences, ankles, nip them viciously, and then take up a strategic position for another attack?

When I am not worrying about whether they are going to fall downstairs I am worrying about the fragile creatures cooking lunch for a robust beast like myself. Has one of them opened the gas oven and fallen head first into it? Has the other cut her shaking fingers preparing vegetables? Even worse, are they both sobbing quietly in chairs and not cooking lunch at all?

In the evenings when deeper depression sets in I look through the radio programmes trying to find something funny and avoiding all chat about future warfare and H-bombs which might drive them to suicide in their present state. But I am sorry to inform radio comedians that their jokes only reduced Les Miserables to tears. In fact, the more the comedians tried the more Les Miserables cried.

So, before I am in tears myself, I go out to the low tavern hoping to meet some jolly chaps. But the jolly chaps only talk about income tax, Formosa, the Yellow Peril, the last war, and the war before that.

When I get back the Devil Cat is enjoying one of her mad minutes. She is playing the game, often popular with restless children of going round the room without touching the floor. She is leaping from the table to the dresser, from the dresser to a chair, from the chair to the stomach of one helpless Miserable to the stomach of the other.

Les Miserables squeak in agony as the full weight of the Devil Cat lands on them from a distance. Before they are in hysterics I pull the Devil Cat in the kitchen and Les Miserables, holding their bruised stomachs and snivelling pitifully, help each other upstairs to bed.

That night there was a knock on the door, and while the girls covered back in terror, I opened it. Outside was Caleb. He looked like a lost sheep. "Millie" he said. "We boys will stay in the barn for the meeting house. Bring your



PASSPORTS TO NOWHERE

By David Laidlaw

TO many people nowadays the term "White Russian" has an archaic sound, reminiscent of the early 1920s and stories about Grand Dukes driving taxis in Paris or Grand Duchesses "selling their tiaras. Yet tens of thousands of these earliest refugees from Communism — and their descendants — are still alive and far from all of them are of aristocratic origin.

The situation of many of them is pitiable. Those who settled in the Iron Curtain countries and in China are being persecuted all over again, both by the Communist Governments of these countries and by the local Soviet Consulates.

For most of them are now Soviet citizens, having been lured or dragooned into taking Soviet nationality by a series of decrees passed by the Government of the USSR during the years 1941-48.

A vivid and moving account of the plight of one group of White Russians is given in a circular issued by the Hongkong office of the Inter-denominational World Council of Churches, describing the situation in the Manchurian town of Harbin, one of the largest emigre centres in China.

No Employment

Since the Chinese Communist government "inherited" Manchuria, it has gradually driven the White Russians into a corner by refusing them employment. They have no savings to fall back upon, so if they cannot get work in China, their only alternative to starvation is to try to go somewhere else. But, as Soviet citizens, they are at the mercy of the Soviet Consulate which, through their dependence on passports and other necessary papers, holds them in an iron grip.

Many of these people have been trying to get out of China for at least 18 months. In August 1953, the Harbin Consulate issued enquiry sheets to all members of the Soviet colony, on which they had to state whether they wished to emigrate to a foreign country. As one might expect, most people answered affirmatively, but no permission was forthcoming.

Then, in the spring of 1954, the campaign for the development of the "Virgin Lands" was launched in the USSR. For this the Soviet Union needed as many manual labourers as it could get, and had no hesitation in turning the plight of the White Russians to their own advantage. An announcement was made in April by the Harbin Consulate to the effect that all Soviet citizens could go to the USSR.

Presumably in despair of ever being allowed to go anywhere else, about half the emigre population of 20,000 leapt at this offer. When they got to the Consulate to register, however, only those whose families con-

tained able-bodied young men or women received the necessary papers. Moreover, any young men who failed to "volunteer" for the Virgin Lands project or the early 1920s and stories about Grand Dukes driving taxis in Paris or Grand Duchesses "selling their tiaras. Yet tens of thousands of these earliest refugees from Communism — and their descendants — are still alive and far from all of them are of aristocratic origin.

Last Party

The last party of Virgin Lands "volunteers" left Harbin at the end of August 1954, and the Consulate then announced that work would be resumed on applications for emigration. New enquiry sheets were issued, but still no one was given permission to leave. Weeks passed, and people began to queue regularly at the Consulate. All the information they could get, however, was either the stock reply, "Applications are being considered" or the more bitter negative, "You will not go — we shall not allow you to ruin your children's future."

Finally, on October 18, 1954, some 400 heads of families, representing altogether at least 1,000 individuals, were summoned to a meeting. At this the consular officials really showed their hand. First the Vice-Consul read out "an interminable list" of persons who "had applied for permission to depart to 'capitalistic countries'" and whose applications had been rejected.

Then he addressed his audience in the following words: "I wish you to understand that there is only one way for Soviet citizens to follow, and that is the way to their native country... Please think twice before you come to any sort of decision and make up your minds WITH WHOM YOU ARE." His listeners, confused and angry (after all, had not some of them applied to go to Russia and been turned down?) shouted questions at him. Whereupon he shouted back: "If you desire to go abroad, throw your Soviet passports to the devil and do whatever you think best. That is all!"

Pandemonium

Not surprisingly, pandemonium followed. That circular, quoting the words of a man who was present at the meeting, sums up the dilemma of these unhappy people as follows: "Now what are we to do? All those who applied for departure to capitalistic countries are marked men... Relinquish Soviet passports? But how? Taking into consideration the hostile attitude of the Soviet Consulate, it is most likely that they will refuse to acknowledge surrender of the passports; therefore, no application could be made in Chinese residence certificates, failing which the Chinese authorities will still consider us as Soviet citizens and refuse to permit us to leave."

Caught between the Scylla of the Chinese authorities (who are obviously conniving with the Russians in their treatment of the emigres) and the Charybdis of their own Consulate, the White Russians of Harbin are in desperate straits. The circular ends with the pathetic quotation: "We are getting afraid: We begin to have the feeling of being trapped..."

THE PEOPLE CANNOT DO WITHOUT NEWSPAPERS

By JOHN MCKENNA

bold black lettering of the kind

London. IN 1940 the little boats saved Britain's army at Dunkirk. Fifteen years later, the little papers came to the rescue of a news hungry London.

With the entire national Press paralysed by a strike of electricians and engineers, the little papers of Greater London and the environs had their field day.

Many of them sacrificed valuable space normally reserved for local news in order to print national and international items. And this they contrived to do without the enormous resources of their big brothers in Fleet Street.

BLACK HEADLINES

Conditions were ripe for a spot of black-marketing. And in several instances that's just what happened. Copies of one Scottish Sunday paper which found their way to London were selling in the West End for two shillings a time. In Notting Hill one enterprising soul hired a duplicating machine and turned out his own newspaper, complete with news flashes gleaned from radio bulletins and all important race results and sporting news.

ANSWER GIVEN

Two other sidelights on the strike. The men who make paper for the national Press were frantic trying to find storage space for the unused surplus; the Fleet Street branch of a well-known tobacconist reported nearly a fifteen per cent drop in sales during the strike period.

But if the strike caused inconvenience to millions, it answered a question which has been bothering newspapermen for years — will the radio or TV ever replace the newspaper? With the radio running extra long news bulletins and TV operating as usual, the clamour for newspapers increased day by day.

Cycling's Personality Of The Week —Paddy Bouch

By "N'TACA"

Six feet one inch tall, thirteen stone in weight, as Irish as the pigs in Dublin, and one of the best all-round riders in the Colony. That is Paddy Bouch, 7th Hussars, and our Personality for the week.

Paddy started his cycling career in 1947, joining the National CC of Ireland, where he quickly gravitated to the racing game in all its aspects. Time Trialing brought him his first rewards, and he has taken first place awards in many classic events, his times speaking for his ability. A "25" in 59:58; "50" in 2:10; "100" in 4:24:50, and 241 miles covered in twelve hours show definite "class".

The massed start side of cycling also put him in the headlines, where his strong and clever riding was extolled many times. It is the Stage Race which gets his preference, the longer the better.

An all-round athlete, he is often called upon by his Unit to take part in foot races up to three miles, this being not a good thing for a racing cyclist in the middle of the season. Gymnastism work and weight-training are all part of his training method, coupled with many fast miles on his machine. He "eats anything", but is no lover of greasy foods and likes to obtain plenty of fresh fruit and milk.

Another facet of his training which should be remembered by the novices as well as the experts, is his determination to put in at least eight hours sleep a night. The body wants some time to build up and recuperate from training and racing.

Bouch suffers from the handicap of being too big for his cycle, with the result that his position is rather more cramped than he would like. Despite this, he has to "hug" credit the second-fastest 23 ever in the Colony, a 1:1-0.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby Saturday, 9th April, 1955.

Over 900,000 tickets sold to date.

The Sale of Cash Sweep Tickets on the above will close on Friday, 8th April, as follows:—

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, at 4:00 p.m.

5 D'Aguilar Street at 5:00 p.m.

Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, at 6:00 p.m.

The Draw will be held in the Public Betting Hall at the Race Course, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, 9th April, 1955.

By Order of the Stewards, PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO. Treasurers.

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Aberdeen Fails In Cup Bid

London, Apr. 5. Aberdeen's bid for the Cup and League soccer championship double in Scotland failed yesterday when they were knocked out of the Cup by Clyde in their semi-final replay, a first half goal being sufficient to settle matters.

Clyde will meet Celtic, Cup holders and League Champions—they accomplished the double last season—in the final at Hampden Park, Glasgow, on April 23.

Clyde today beat Airdrieonians in the other semi-final replay. Their win came from two second half goals.

Airdrie, present leaders of the Second Division in Scotland, had hoped for promotion and the Cup.

It was a penalty in the 28th minute which put out Aberdeen. Robertson scoring easily.

In the other game, after a goalless first half, Celtic began to get on top. Within two minutes McPhail scored. The same player scored the second from a corner kick three minutes later.—Reuter.

CAAF Team For Governor's Cup Match Selected

At a CAAF meeting held in the Ying King Restaurant last night, the following were selected to represent the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation in the third and final round of the Governor's Cup series against the Hongkong Football Association XI at the Club ground on Sunday, April 10, kick-off at 4.30 p.m.

Wai Fal-kim (KMB), Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao), Lau Yee (South China), Chan Fal-hung (Kitchee), Ko Po-keung (South China), Tong Shueung (South China) captain, Ho Ying-fu (Kitchee), Ho Cheung-yau (South China), Chu Wing-keung (Kitchee), Yu Cheuk-yin (South China), Mok Chun-wah (South China), Reserves—Pau King-yin (South China), Ng Kee-cheung (Kwong Wah), Tang Sum (KMB), Chang Kam-fai (Sing Tao), Chu Wing-wah (South China), Szeto Man (KMB), Lee Yuk-tak (South China).

Team Manager—Ho Shiu-ling.

Coch—Lai Shiu-wing.

Interport Regatta At Manila Bay

On April 9

Manila, Apr. 6. The Manila Yacht Club will again play host to the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club and the Club Nautico de Macao in the bi-annual Interport regatta scheduled to start on April 8 in Manila Bay.

Hongkong won the last regatta held in the Crown Colony last November, Macao placed second and Manila third.

In last year's races held in Manila Bay, Manila beat Hongkong in the dual meet and Macao won the triangular competition.—France-Press.

FLEET CLUB BOXING PROGRAMME

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the programme for tomorrow night's Invitational Boxing tournament at the China Fleet Club commanding at 8 p.m. has had to be slightly altered.

Tickets for the show are still available and may be obtained at the Fleet Club.

Programme: The new programme is as follows: Eddie Ko v LAC Corbin, Fong Ki-kong v LAC Kevin, Goh Eng Hock v LAC Kerky, Koo May v LAC Knight, Kow Yau-chow v L/Cpl. Jones, Cpl. Leggerton v LAC Court, Cpl. Ross v L/Cpl. Taylor, Pte. Houldin v L/Cpl. Keating, Pte. Charlton v Cpl. Battie, L/Cpl. McCullagh v L/Cpl. Turner (North Stars) and Pte. Grimes (1 King's Own), with fight if opponents can be found to match their weights.



The Top Spot on the Sports Parade this week is given over to the unwelcome task of saying 'Au revoir' to the sportsmen of the 25th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery who have graced our community for so long.

During the time the regiment has been in Hongkong its sportsmen have made a full and efficient contribution to our sporting affairs. From soccer to softball...from rugby to rowing...from basketball to boxing...they have made a lingering mark for themselves, and their departure leaves us in the poorer in many different spheres.

In Army sport one becomes hardened to the departure of sporting friends and it is indeed with a sincere wish of 'Good luck wherever your travels take you...that we say good-bye to the Two Five Field.'

Once again the popular appeal of the six-a-side hockey tournament which is usually staged by the Army Hockey Association at this time of the year, has been well and truly demonstrated. So far 32 entries have been received and as that includes 5 from the Royal Air Force and 3 from the Royal Artillery we can be sure that there will be no lack of inter-service rivalry when the teams make a start with the competition at Sookkunpo at 2 o'clock on Easter Monday.

The draw will be published in the local press as soon as it has been made and it will in addition be circulated to units concerned.

Teams which may be so unfortunate as to be beaten in the first round need not lose interest in the proceedings as the popular Plate Competition will once again be staged.

The organisers are making arrangements for three grounds to be available. The time-table shows that the final of the Plate Event will take place at 6 o'clock, and will be followed almost immediately by the Main Final at 6.30 p.m.

This annual tournament makes exhaustive calls on resources and in order to ensure that everything goes off smoothly a special request is made to all Service units to offer their services. If they can do so their help will be much appreciated, and they are asked to report to the ground by 1.45 p.m.

PARTISAN SUPPORTERS

Today is Cadbick Cup Semi-final Day. Already the partisan supporters of the four teams are out in the open with the news that THEIR team will be the one to win through to meet the winners of the Malaya and Singapore Section.

At Sookkunpo 27 HAA Regt. RA will clash with 7th Hussars and after their recent slip up in the Major Units Knockout Competition the Gunners will try doubly hard to get through to the final. The officials selected for this game are as follows:—Referee—Major Litch, Linesman—Sgt. McCarty and Cpl. Denton-Thompson.

The other tie between 1st Bn. King's Own Regt. and 42 Field Regt. RA is listed for decision at San Wan where RSM Cabot will be in charge of the whistle with Lt. Stewart and L/Cpl. Brigham running the lines.

Both games are scheduled to start at 3 o'clock.

The final of the Hongkong Section will take place next Wednesday but up to present the venue has not been decided as much will depend on which teams win through.

The following officials have been nominated to take charge of this important game, Referee—ASM Hancock (REME att 8 Coy, REME), Linesman—ASM Minta (REME/Cmd. Workshops) and Sgt. McCarty (82 Ind. Sqn. Royal Engineers) and a competent trio too...

The recent news that the Hongkong Amateur Boxing Association is to stage Colony Championships this year will be received with relish by the Army's big boxing community.

COLONY BOXING

The HKABA has been somewhat inactive of late but the current news shows that they now have many interesting plans afoot. The Colony Championships are open to all members of affiliated clubs and as the Army comes into this category amateur boxers are free to enter without further formality. Entries should be sent to the Hon. Secy. HK Amateur Boxing Association direct and not to the SOFT. It is expected that there will be a big entry list and Army personnel are reminded that they must lodge their entries with the Secy. not later than April 18.

The Championships will take place on 25th, 26th, and 27th April.

It's Spring In Hollywood With Smog, Fog Orange And Roses

By Michael Ruddy

Beverly Hills.

Thomas Kavanagh Waterfield, 4½, is an American citizen. His famous mother, Jane Russell, who adopted him last year, and his father, Bob Waterfield, former professional footballer, took Tommy to a citizenship class at the Los Angeles Court and had him sworn in.

I saw Tommy afterwards. He's a big boy, tanned and freckled, rebellious curly hair neatly parted left side, and he said, "Sure, I love it here with my Dad and Mum, 'pause' 'n my sister, Tracy, 'n all my cousins, 'n I swim."

Jane told me she's off to Mexico to begin the super-Western, "The Tall Men," with Clark Gable. Her hair has been cut short, she'll wear a wig for the umpteenth time.

One of the finer television plays was "The Clown", based on Emmett Kelly's life, portrayed by Henry Fonda, with curly Dorothy Malone as Mrs. Kelly. Fonda plans to film "The Clown" as one of his independent productions. He's one of the group of stars, like Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas, Gary Cooper, Tyrone Power, Alan Ladd, John Wayne, Cornel Wilde and Joan Crawford who have formed their own companies, thus saving on taxes, and share in profits.

The Minor Units Hockey tournament has not yet reached its final stage. One semi-final between 216 Bty. RA and 206 Bty. RA is still to be played off but it is understood that the game will definitely take place on either Tuesday or Wednesday next week.

A memorable week for Kirk Douglas—it was finally decided for him to star in "Last for Life," the story of Vincent Van Gogh, and Mrs. Douglas, the former Ann Byrders of Paris, informed him they would have a baby in Autumn.

Films, worthwhile seeing: "Marty," a warm, earthy story of a Bronx-butcher who falls in love with Ernest Borgnine and Dorothy Blair; "A Man Called Peter" in which Richard Todd reveals a capacity to deliver a sermon as if he'd been trained for years in a seminary. And one of the hits in Hollywood is "Doctor in the House" proving again that British comedies click in the U.S.A.

With this in mind several newcomers have been given a run in the sides recently. Allwood and Townlow of the 1st North Staffs, Thomas of 173 Lee Bty. RA, Robson of 24th Fd Engineers and Collins of 33 General Hospital have all had a chance to show their ability and others are noted for a similar opportunity in the near future.

The Tommy Atkins Column offers its very best wishes to the players who are leaving...may you all have plenty of good football wherever you go....

TERRIFIC HEAT

In a letter to the Colony the Officer in-charge of the Northampton Boxing Team at Singapore gives some interesting behind-the-scenes impressions of what actually took place and says that one of the most important factors in the defeat of the Hongkong representatives was the terrific heat.

According to the report the best bout of the evening was the clash between Pte. Rose and Pte. Calvert of the RAC. Rose found himself up again a star boxer but he won the congratulations of everyone on the spot with a magnificent display of courage that kept him, by some magical means, on his feet until the final bell. He lost on points but he gained the plaudits of the crowd.

Play never reached a very high standard but as both sides had many changes this was hardly unexpected.

The outstanding player afield was Beveridge in the Soldiers' goal and his fine work was largely responsible for his side's win.

He got good support from Crompton and Stimp but Hayes had a worrying time against Man Cheung-wah.

Murry put his side ahead after only four minutes but the lead was wiped out in the 23rd minute when Kwan King-sum scored from a very narrow angle. The Army defence was badly at fault at this time.

Play continued to be scrappy but the Army forced the issue in the last quarter of an hour and had the satisfaction of seeing Osborne beating Yong Pui-jor for the winning goal.

Morris and Osborne did well in the Army front rank but found the Eastern defence giving little away. Fong Sai-choi had a grand game and had bad luck with two crashing free kicks.

The first one struck the bar and Beveridge made an excellent save from the second.

Eastern also got good service from Lee Ping-nam, Lo Shu-jun and Kwan King-sum.

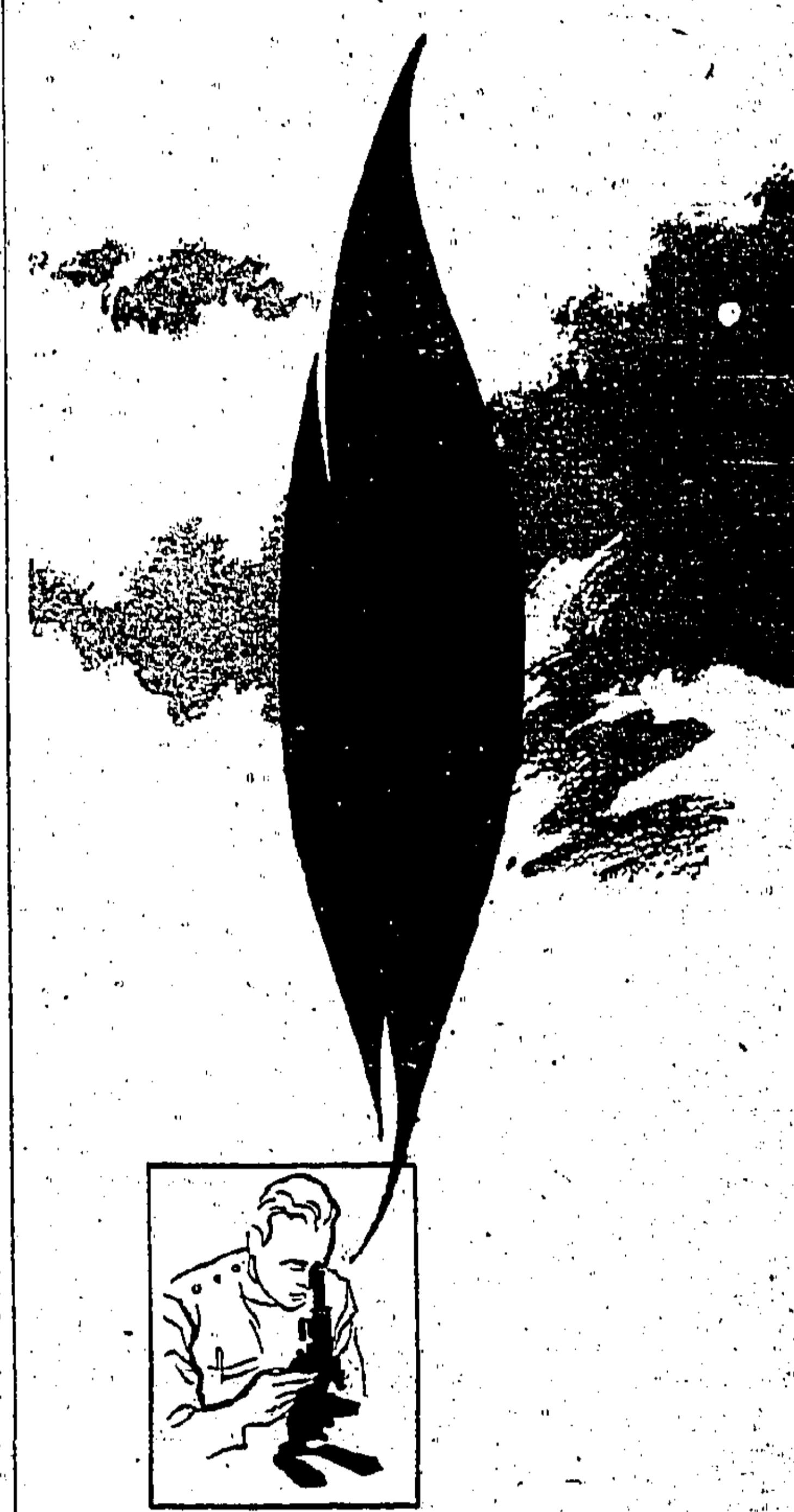
Army golfers stage their regular monthly meeting at Fanning today with a bogey competition. Next Thursday they will be engaged in the annual match against the Ladies.

...and finally a few topical snippets. 6 Army cricketers in the Combined Services side against HKCC this weekend...popular inter-service hockey meeting on Sunday when Army 'A' meet Royal Navy 'A' at Sookkunpo at 4 p.m., still on hockey, the big game Army 'A' versus Recreio 'A' now to take place on Sunday, 17th April. The Army will be present with the Hongkong boxers in PARELLE Individual Championships at Sookkunpo on 25th, 26th, and 27th April.

The Championships will take place on 25th, 26th, and 27th April.

(Signed) ...

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MARRIAGES

ARRAS-LOCK — The marriage took
place at Hong Kong Registry on
April 6, 1955, of Arthur John
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V. M. Arras, to Marie Theresa
Elizabeth Lock, daughter of Mr.
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BANK HOLIDAYS

The Exchange Banks will
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(Easter Holidays).

Hongkong, 6th April, 1955.

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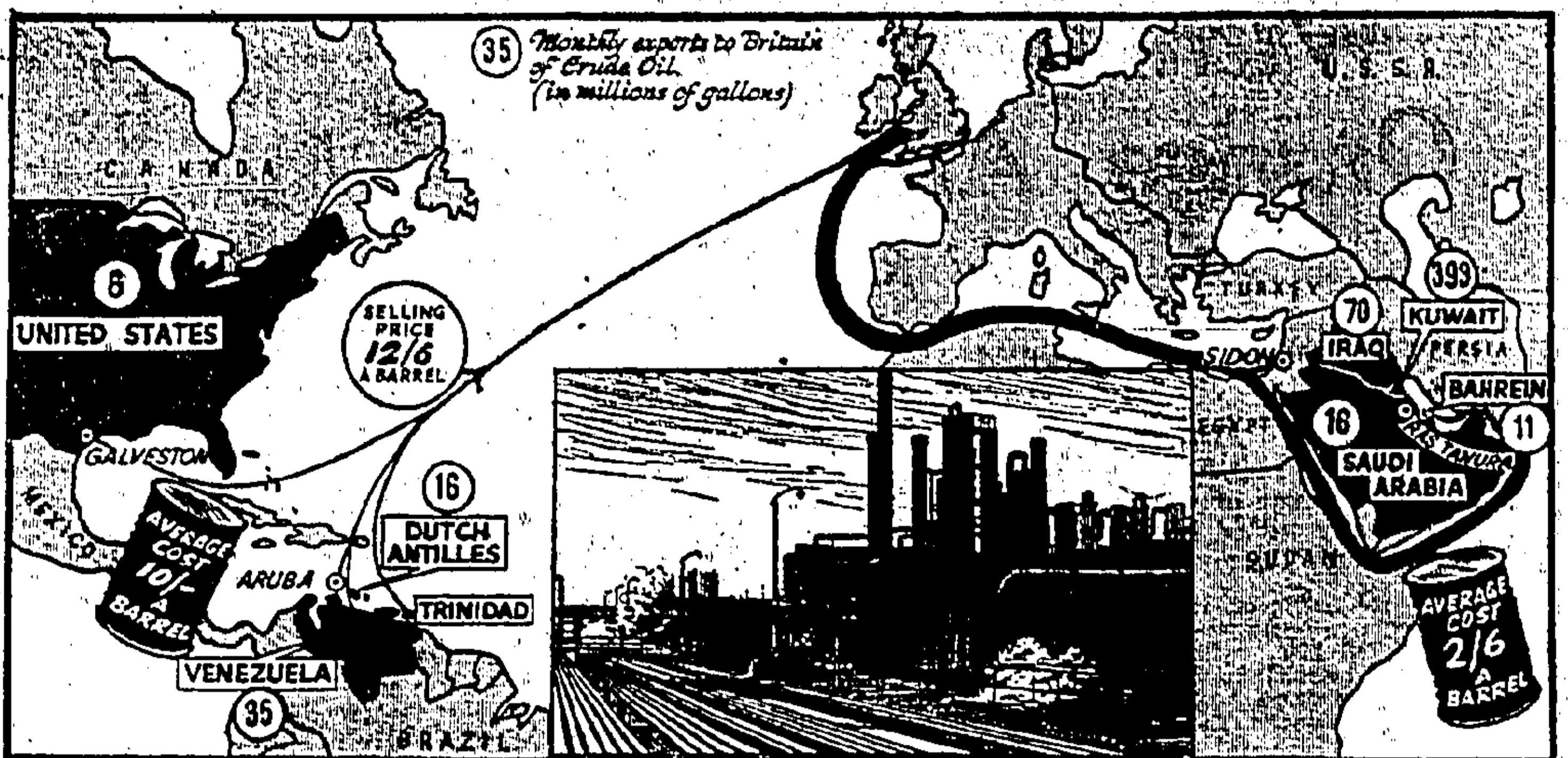
SAILS: Friday, 8th April, at 12.00 noon for
the UNITED KINGDOM via Straits,
Colombo, Bombay, Aden and Port
Said.

BAGGAGE: Passengers are requested to send
ALL BAGGAGE to the Hongkong &
Kowloon Wharf Co.'s Godown at No. 2
GATE, CANTON ROAD ENTRANCE,
by Noon on Thursday, 7th April.

SPECIAL NOTE: With the exception of hand packages
carried by passengers themselves,
ALL BAGGAGE must pass through
the Wharf Co.'s Godown for loading
on board by ship's slings only.

EMBARKATION: Passengers should embark between
9.30 and 11.00 a.m. on Friday, 8th
April, 1955.

THE OIL PRICE PUZZLE



Britain Pays US Rates

"FILL her up," says the motorist, taking the family out in the car for the first time since the arrival of spring. The garageman fills her up—at a price. And the mighty grumble about petrol prices starts again.

Why should bus fares be so high? Why should it cost so much to fill a car's petrol tank?

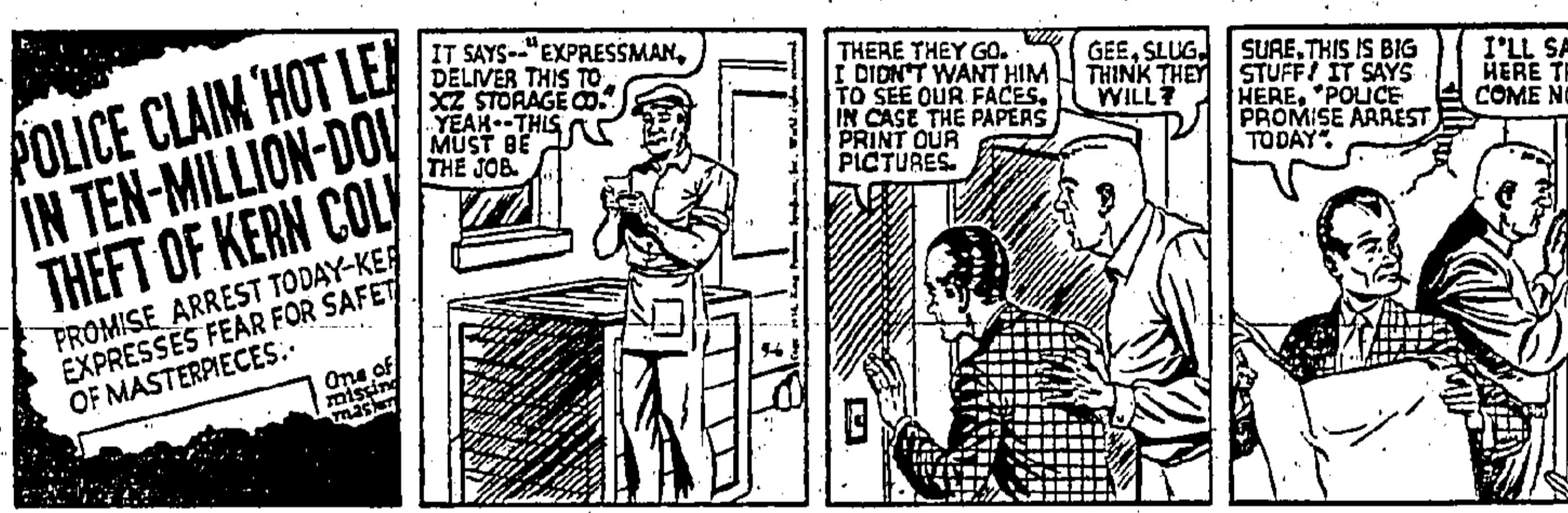
Tax is largely to blame, of course. But it is far from being the whole of the story. Even without it, the price of petroleum in Britain is often five times the cost of its production in Kuwait.

REFINING

THE recent United Nations report has caused a sensation. Newsmap summarises here the facts behind the report.

Before the war, half our petroleum came from the western hemisphere, and most of our imported oil was refined before it crossed the seas.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



FERNAND



FROM BACH TO BOOGIE

Tokyo, Apr. 5.
Many young Japanese are turning from Bach to boogie, from Beethoven to Benny Goodman as jazz becomes more popular in Japan.

"Two new words, *jazzu*, and *hiri-biri* (hillbilly), have been incorporated into the Japanese language.

There were a few jazz fans in Japan before the war, but it was not until thousands of young American servicemen arrived with the Occupation forces that it started to become popular.

In addition to starting a jazz craze, the Americans introduced the Japanese to what was, for them, a new form of music—hillbilly.

ADULT FANS

As in most countries, the majority of Japan's jazz and hillbilly fans are teenagers boys and girls. There are adult fans, however, in nearly every occupation and profession, including lawyers, doctors, politicians, and normally ultra-conservative farmers.

The sound of jazz and hillbilly music, and the "stamp" of dancing feet, may often be heard today floating across rice paddies which surrounded many isolated villages.

Of the foreign entertainers who have visited Tokyo during the past year, jazz bands have been among the most popular.

There are, however, indications that the number of jazz fans has recently begun to decline in the capital—though it is increasing in rural areas.

Audiences at Japanese theatres are usually undemanding. At theatres where Western plays are being performed or classical music being played, they usually applaud, only at the end of each performance.

At jazz and hillbilly shows, there is a different atmosphere. Members of the audience stamp their feet, whistle, cheer, applaud as the rhythm reaches its climax.

FROWNS ON JAZZ

Before and during the war the militarist Japanese governments frowned on jazz. They said that it had a demoralising influence on young people.

During the war, when the foreign music heard on the radio was German, new jazz records were practically unobtainable. Anyone caught playing such records was prosecuted by the police on the grounds that a jazz fan was a potential moral enemy of the state.

Nevertheless, fans did hold "jazz concerts." Those who lived in Western-style houses, one Japanese said, kept their gramophones and records under the floorboards of their houses. When he and his friends gathered for a "concert" they removed two or three sections of the floorboards and played their records.

The records and gramophones were kept under the floor for two reasons, he explained. First, visiting neighbours who were "too patriotic" might have reported the fact to the police if they saw jazz records in his house. Second, by playing the records under the floor the music was muted, and there was less chance of a neighbour or a patrolling policeman hearing it.

Many enterprising businessmen and musicians have taken advantage of the growing popularity of jazz to establish music schools. In Tokyo alone, there are about 150 schools teaching a total of 20,000 students how to play jazz-style music. The best of the students hope to get jobs with one of more than 200 jazz bands playing at cabarets, music halls and ballrooms in the city.

TUITION FEES

The tuition fees range from 500 yen to 2,000 yen about 10s. to 22s. a week, depending upon the kind of instructors and the quality of equipment available at the school.

Where the fee is low, students often have to provide their own instruments. Those learning to be drummers, who cannot afford to buy an instrument, often have to use score holders or desks as drums and two roughly cut pieces of wood as sticks. —China Mail Special.

RUSSIA TO FILM SHAKESPEARE

Moscow, Apr. 5.
Soviet studios will film 46 works by Russian and Western authors during the coming year, it was learned here.

They will include Shakespeare's "Othello," "Cervantes' "Don Quixote," and Tolstoy's "War and Peace."

The Gor'ki Institute—the Soviet Institute of World Literature, the Union of Soviet Writers and the Film Producing Union will co-operate in the production. —France-Press.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Apr. 5.
Last-minute buying in rails and selected industrials enlivened a routine stock market session today.

The last-minute spurt, capping a day of firm, quiet trading, lifted prices of individual issues as much as 5 points and added nearly \$1,000,000,000 to the value on all listed stocks.

Rails touched off the buying and closed with gains ranging close to 2 points in Santa Fe, around a point in Atlantic Coast Line, Canadian Pacific, Chesapeake and Ohio.

Best gains in the industrials came in the steel and metal groups. Bethlehem ran up more than 5 points, Kaiser Aluminum issues finished with gains of 5½ points to \$84½ in the common, \$12½ to \$12¾ in the preferred.

METALS UP

St. Joseph Lead rose more than 5 points as the Company announced price increases and Reynolds Metals added 2 points.

Industrials averaged 2.93 points higher while rails were up 1.17 and utilities 0.03.

Turnover for the day of 2,100,000 shares compared with 2,500,000 shares yesterday.

There were some strong spots in oils—Texas Gulf Producing up more than 2 points, and Seaboard Oil, up more than 3.

Pips Coli was the day's most active stock, adding a point to 21½.

Among aircrafts, General Dynamics ran up 1%.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$36,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was \$30,000 shares.

YESTERDAY'S PRICES

Alden Inc. Acy. 3 202½
Alden Chemical 1 192½
Aldi. Corp. 1 192½
American Airtex 37
American Metal 19½
American Smelting 19½
American Tobacco "B" 68½
Anaconda Copper 65½
Armco Steel 71½
Armstrong 10½
Atlantic 10½
Baltic-Lima-Hamilton 10½
Baltimore & Ohio 43½
Bendix Aviation Corp. 56½
Benguet Corp. 10½
Boeing Airplane 73½
Canadian Pacific Railway 30½
Case (J.I.) Co. 17
Central National Bank 51½
Chile Copper 51
Chrysler Motors 27½
Commercial Credit 50
Consolidated Edison 38½
Continental Steel 20½
Cotton Products 10½
Crane Co. 10½
Cuban-American Sugar 10½
Curtis Wright 23½
Dart Industries 10½
Eastern Kodak 24½
General Electric 51½
General Foods 81½
Globe Safety Razor 68
Goodrich (B.F.) Co. 68
Goodyear Tire & Rubber 50½
Homestake Mining Co. 40½
International Minerals 30½
International Harvester 36½
International Nickel 64½
International Paper 88½
International & Tel. 87
John-Manville Co. 87
Kemecott Copper 11½
Lockheed Aircraft 51½
Lone Star Cement Co. 57½
Minnesota Mining 57½
Montgomery Ward 44½
National Cash Register 21½
National Distillers 61½
National Lead 61½
New York Central 38½
Pacific Gas & Electric 46½
Pacific Western Oil 45½
Pan-American Airways 18½
Pantex Petroleum 74½
Pittsburgh Plate Glass 68½
Radio Corporation 43½
Republic Steel 43½
Shell Oil Co. 61½
Sinclair Oil 56½
Socorro Vacuum 56½
Standard Vacuum (Coke) 26½
Standard Brands 23½
Standard Oil of California 76½
Standard Oil of Indiana 74½
Standard Oil of New Jersey 11½
Stearley-Vac Camera 12½
Studebaker-Packard Corp. 12½
Swift & Co. 48½
Union Carbide 37½
Union Pacific Railway 152½
United Gas Imp. 74½
U.S. Gypsum 23½
U.S. Rubber 42½
United States Smelting 55½
U.S. Steel 50½
Washington Electric 48½
Woolworth 40½
—United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

London, Apr. 5.

Prices of metal futures closed today as follows:

SPOT
May 24.10
June 23.57
July 23.57
Aug. 23.57
Sept. 23.57
Oct. 23.57
Dec. 23.57
Mar. 23.57
July 23.57

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

SPOT
May 24.50
June 23.50
July 23.50
Aug. 23.50
Sept. 23.50
Oct. 23.50
Dec. 23.50
Mar. 23.50
July 23.50

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

SPOT
May 23.75
June 23.75
July 23.75
Aug. 23.75
Sept. 23.75
Oct. 23.75
Dec. 23.75
Mar. 23.75
July 23.75

LIVERPOOL

Future closings, American

milling, in pence per lb. were as follows:

May 30.05
June 30.05
July 30.05
Aug. 30.05
Sept. 30.05
Oct. 30.05
Dec. 30.05
Mar. 30.05
July 30.05

SAO PAULO

Future closings, in cruzeros per kilo were as follows:

May 21.10
June 20.15
July 20.15
Aug. 20.15
Sept. 20.15
Oct. 20.15
Dec. 20.15
Mar. 20.15
July 20.15

LONDON METAL PRICES

London, Apr. 5.

The tin market was steadier

while the rest were all steady.

Prices closed today, in sterling per long ton as follows:

tin spot buyers sellers 115
3-month 115½ 115½
Copper spot 115½ 115½
3-month 115½ 115½
Lead 1st half April 105½ 105½
10th 105½ 105½
Zinc 1st half April 80½ 80½
10th 80½ 80½
—United Press.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

NEW US WOOL PROGRAMME

62 Cents Incentive Price To Encourage Domestic Production

Washington, Apr. 5.
Chief event of 1955 in the wool situation will be the application of the new United States programme for expanding domestic production of wool.

On wool shorn after January 1 and marketed during the year starting April 1, 1954, the United States Agriculture Department will guarantee to domestic wool growers an "incentive price" of 62 cents per pound, grease basis.

If average prices received by producers fall below this level, subsidy payment will be made to the growers.

The purpose of programme, authorised in the National Wool Act of 1954, is to expand United States shorn wool production to 300,000,000 pounds annually compared to a recent low level of about 230,000,000 pounds.

14 PER CENT BELOW

Production in 1954 was officially estimated at 229,371,000 pounds, which was less than 230,343,000 in 1953 and 14 per cent below the 1943-52 average.

To establish this objective, the United States recognises wool as an "essential and strategic commodity" which is not produced in the United States in sufficient quantity to meet domestic need.

Official consulted by the United Press were not very confident that the new wool programme will have its intended effect of causing a rapid build-up in the United States sheep population. Some think five years may be required to reach the 300,000,000 pound target.

Despite the "incentive price" to the wool-growers, there are numerous practical difficulties. Many farmers regard cattle production as a more profitable enterprise. Large areas of potential sheep-growing ranges have been affected by drought in recent years.

MAY BE SLOW

Strength reflected the higher primary markets, plus international political tension and a quickening factory interest in the local spot market.

Dealers reported a fair-sized tonnage of shipment number from Siam and Singapore was worked overnight.

Locally, dealers and factories bought June three sheets at 31½ cents; July one sheets at 31½ cents and May two sheets at 30½ cents a pound. June one sheets were done in the forenoon 31½ cents with later sales passing at 31½ cents. Spot No 1 was quoted at 31½ cents a pound, nominal futures.

May 31.20-32
Sept. 30.00
Dec. 30.65
Mar. 30.25
May 29.85

World Rubber Markets

Singapore, Apr. 5.

The rubber market improved during the day on short covering, speculative buying, with trade enquiry late in the afternoon. Futures:

1. No. 1 rubber per lb. April 85½-89
May 87½-91
June unquoted
2. No. 2 rubber per lb. April 85½-89
May 86½-90
June 87½-91
3. No. 4 rubber unquoted
4. Spot rubber unquoted
5. Blanket crepe 85½-89
6. No. 1 pale crepe 93-94

NEW YORK

Futures today closed 90 to 115 points higher with sales of 54 contracts.

Strength reflected the higher primary markets, plus international political tension and a quickening factory interest in the local spot market.

Dealers reported a fair-sized tonnage of shipment number from Siam and Singapore was worked overnight.

SHANES BUYERS SELLERS SALES BANKS

IBK Bank 1340 1333 35 @ 1550
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INSURANCES UNION 972½ 30 @ 97½

SHIPPING ASIA NAV. 2500 @ 750

ASIAN TRADE C. 71½ 40 @ 71

ASIAN WHARF DOCK 2470 1500 @ 2450

PROVIDENT (O) 11,70 11,90 1000 @ 11,80

WHEELOCK 7,15 7,20

LAND, ETC. HK Hotel 17,40 17,60 3900 @ 17,50

HK Land 63 68 833 @ 65

337 @ 63½

SHAN LAND 900 24

205 @ 21½

UTILITIES TRAM 20½ 20,60 500 @ 20,60

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'FAITHFUL SERVANT OF THE PEOPLE'

Veteran Liberal Peer's Tribute To Sir Winston Churchill LORD SAMUEL'S BROADCAST

Complaint About
HK Glove Exports
Another MP's
Request
Is Refused

London, Apr. 5.
Mr John Peyton, 2
Conservative MP suggested
in the House of Commons
today that the British Government's trade policy for
the colonies should be ur-
gently re-examined.

He said the price of
gloves imported from
Hongkong rendered com-
petition by the British
home industry almost im-
possible.

Orders for woolen
gloves were 77 per cent
down on this time last
year.

But Mr Austin Low,
Minister of State at the
Board of Trade, repeated
what he has told Mr Peyton
and others many times before.
This was that British
Government policy was not to restrict imports
of colonial goods by im-
posing quota restrictions
nor to impose duties on
them.—Reuter.

US Minister Expects
'NO HELP
FROM OUR
ALLIES'

If Island War Starts

Washington, Apr. 5.
The U.S. Navy Secretary,
Mr Charles Thomas, today
admitted that the United
States could not count on
any help from its allies if it
went to war over the Chin-
ese offshore islands of
Quemoy and Matsu.

He was testifying before the
Senate Appropriations Sub-
committee on the budget for the
Navy.

Senator John Stennis (Demo-
crat, Mississippi) told the Sub-
committee that "if we should go
into action on Quemoy and
Matsu we could expect no help
from our Asiatic or European
allies."

Secretary Thomas recognized
that this was the case. He told
the Sub-committee that reduc-
tions in the strength of the
Navy and Marine corps sched-
uled by June, 1956 would not
affect the basic striking power
of the United States.

SOVIET NAVY'S GROWTH
The Navy Secretary told the
Sub-committee that the Navy
was capable of halting any at-
tack on Formosa but that it
would require the backing of
the air force.

Such a Chinese Communist
attack, he said would "portend
further operations and would
mean a greater mobilization."

Admiral Robert Carney,
Chief of Naval Operations, told
the Sub-committee during his
hearing that there was no
guarantee of continued Ameri-
can Naval supremacy.

"The rise of the Soviet Navy
and their vast naval building
programme is one of the most
conclusive bits of evidence that
they are not contemplating a
short war," he said.—France-
Presse.

YEMEN KING
IS FREED

Aden, Apr. 5.
King Ahmed of Yemen, who
was reported over the weekend
to have "abdicated" in favour of
his brother Abdullah, has been
decreed by his son, Seif el Islam el
Badr, from his guarded palace in
Taiz, it was reported today.

Badr was said to have launch-
ed a successful attack on the
palace to free his father.

The "abdication" had been
described in some reports as a
coup d'etat followed by the
imprisonment of Ahmed in his
own palace under army guard.

He said the contacts appear-
ed useful enough not to be
abandoned.—France-Presse.

New York, Apr. 5.
Mr Dag Hammarskjold, UN
Secretary-General, said tonight
he was keeping in contact with
the Chinese Communist Govern-
ment about the 150 im-
prisoned American airmen.

He said the contacts appear-
ed useful enough not to be
abandoned.—France-Presse.

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Another MP's
Request
Is Refused

London, Apr. 5.
Lord Samuel, 84-year-old Liberal Party elder statesman, said in a broadcast tonight that Sir Winston Churchill carried with him into retirement "the thanks of the British nation to a faithful servant of the people and of mankind."

Lord Samuel, four years Sir Winston Churchill's senior, served with him in a Liberal Government in 1906 and is still Liberal leader in the House of Lords.

In a BBC broadcast Lord Samuel said, at the close of an appreciation of the Prime Minister's life: "Today he retires from public office—but not we hope from public life."

"Looking at the list of Prime Ministers over the last 200 years we must allow that by no means all of them had personalities that matched their position," he said.

"Indeed there are not more than perhaps 10 or 12 who would be generally agreed to rank with the great who still live in the Halls of Fame."

"We do not doubt that among that small company is Winston Churchill. What the verdict of the future historian may be we cannot foretell. But at least we can send on to him a message that this has been the judgment of contemporaries."

HIS AMBITION

"A man's achievements must depend not only on himself but on his times. This century has been an era of vast political upheavals and terrible wars.

World
Tributes To
Churchill

(Continued from Page 1)

He said: "We shall miss a leadership which for so many years—and especially in the anxious days of war—has inspired and encouraged the people of the Commonwealth of nations and indeed the whole free world."

Mr St Lauren's statement was interrupted repeatedly by desk thumping applause from both sides of the Commons as he reviewed Sir Winston Churchill's "varied career."

Mr H. C. Hansen, Prime Minister of Denmark, said: "We Danes add our admiration and affection to this man whose life work has been so great for the freedom and rights of mankind."

Mr Tage Erlander, Prime Minister of Sweden: "During the dark war years...he gave consolation and hope to the whole democratic world."

"Many had hoped that he would have succeeded in finding the road to security in the atomic age but one must be thankful that he has in his powerful way drawn the world's attention to the terrible perspectives which modern methods of destruction open up to us."

HE IS HISTORY

Mr Halvard Lange, acting Prime Minister of Norway: "Churchill has not only created and written history; he is history."

General George Marshall, wartime Chief of the United States Army and later Secretary of State: "...the most remarkable career of modern times had reached its active conclusion."

"I was with him during many critical moments, always in his strength and courage."

Herr Julius Raab, the Austrian Chancellor, described Sir Winston Churchill as "the man who most decisively intervened in world affairs in the last century."

Brussels, Radio said Sir Winston Churchill's talents during his many years of political life in Britain were devoted to the service of an empire which was slowly being liquidated.

In his brilliant political career he united the qualities of unfailing energy, faultless memory, magnificent eloquence and vitality of spirit.

Brussels, Radio said he was always a realist. Though prominent among those who intervened in the affairs of the Soviet Union after the First World War, he established friendly and allied relations with the Soviet Union in the Second World War.—Reuter.

On the first charge, he had been fined \$150 or six weeks and on the second, \$50 or two weeks.

When Cheung's case was called this morning, however, he denied he had applied for a review of sentence. He said he had only wanted to find out when the sentences would be

commuted from.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



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"I didn't think it was such a beautiful coat either—till I found out her husband paid \$3000 for it!"

Some Excellent Solo Playing At Last Night's Concert

At this Festival concert of the Sino-British Orchestra, there was some very good playing, both by the soloists and the orchestral players. The Overture to "Coriolanus" by Beethoven opened the programme, and once more it was revealed how the conductor, Professor Arrigo Fossi, has insisted upon precision.

The short, sharp chords were clear and without粗糙ness, and the string playing throughout this work was competent, though a little heavy at times with the constant repetition of certain figures and phrases, indicating that "Coriolanus" was indeed a somewhat sullen obstinate character. More could have been made of the singing lyrical passage, which, like all Beethoven's times of this kind, invites the strings to use their broadest and richest tone.

The Beethoven overture was the most distinguished work in the programme, and the other works, though pleasant, did not give the orchestra a chance to show what it really can do. One major work would have been desirable—a symphony, or when they seem to act a part. Yet there is a brittle brilliance about them and if done well, the play reduces the audience to a state of hysteria.

Lane was sentenced in the March Criminal Sessions for robbing a taxi driver in Kowloon City last November.

PLANNED ROBBERY

To two other prisoners, Wong Kui and Lee Tai, who sought a reduction of sentence of seven years and 18 strokes, Mr Justice Gould said they might easily have stood there indicted.

The appellants were sentenced by Mr Justice C. W. Reece in the March Sessions for robbing two folds of a poultry shop last November.

Crown Counsel, Mr D. E. Greenfield, said the first appellant was employed by his classmen—who loaned him money to pay his gambling debts and he repaid them by planning the robbery. He got other heavy-handed men to attack the two folds, with iron bars and one of them nearly died.

The second appellant was go-between for the first appellant and the gang.

The Full Court, comprising Mr Justice Gould and Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, decided that the circumstances the sentences were not too severe even though neither appellant had previous convictions.

**Men Caught With
Illicit Stills**

Two men, Cheng Wu-sham, 37, and Ng Fung, 18, were fined \$150 each or three weeks by Mr H. H. B. How at Kowloon Court this morning for distilling liquor without a licence and possession of an illicit still, distilled Chinese liquor and fermenting mash.

Cheng was caught in a hut at Target Hill near Kai Tak Airport on April 2, and Ng was arrested at Tin Liu Village on March 25.

A total of eight gallons of Chinese liquor and 38 gallons of mash, together with the stills seized were ordered to be confiscated.

**\$1.20 Meal Cost
Him 14 Days**

A 27-year-old unemployed, Chol Kuen-fat, of 102 Castle Road, ground floor, was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment by Mr Hin-tsing Lee at Central this morning for obtaining credit by fraud.

On Tuesday defendant went to the Champion Cafe, Lockhart Road, and ordered a bowl of noodles. When it came to paying the bill of \$1.20, defendant said that he had no money to pay. He was subsequently arrested.

The concert ended brightly with Sibelius's "Voices of Spring" Waltz, stirringly played and hugely enjoyed by the audience. The perception was particularly effective and throughout the concert the brass was steady and reliable, a contrast to the old days several years ago when it was a very uncertain quantity.

**Change In Radio
Programme**

In place of the advertised programme, Radio Hongkong will broadcast at 8.15 this evening a talk from London by Viscount Samuel on Sir Winston Churchill, whose resignation was announced today.

Four Kowloon residents were each fined \$20 by Mr I. T. Morris at Kowloon Court this morning, for possession of radio receivers without a licence.

A fifth defendant, Dolly Chan, of 231 Fa Yuen Street, first floor, was fined \$15. The Prosecution said that Chan had failed to renew her licence.

JOHN LUFT

COURT REDUCES 15-YEAR SENTENCE ON HOLD-UP MAN

A 15-year sentence passed on Chan Hon-chuen at the March Criminal Sessions for robbing various people in cars last November and December was reduced to 11 years this morning by the Full Court of Appeal, comprising the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould, and Mr Justice J. Wicks.

The Full Court ordered the 12 strokes also imposed on Chan by Mr Justice J. R. Gregg to remain.

Chan was convicted of four counts of robbery with aggravation. He was said to have up to his victim in their cars with toy guns and then to have driven them to lonely places where he robbed them.

He appealed that the total of 15 years was too much for the four robberies.

Crown Counsel, Mr D. E. Greenfield, submitted that in view of Chan's record the sentences were very lenient. Chan was convicted of larceny in 1948 and expelled. He was then sentenced in 1949 for three robberies and within three months of his release in September, 1954 he committed four other robberies. In one case he threatened to shoot the children of his victim if she did not leave her car. In another case he threatened the husband that he would shoot his wife.

A BAD RECORD

Mr Justice Gould agreed that Chan had a very bad record but the Court considered 15 years somewhat excessive even for such a record.

The Court refused to alter the sentence of five years and 12 strokes passed on Chan Chi-kau, alias Kau Tsai who was charged together with Chan Hon-chuen on one of the robbery counts.

Chan blamed his lack of education for the crime, saying that he really had no intention of robbing the woman driver. He admitted a previous conviction for demanding money with menaces.

Three appeals against severity of sentence were refused by the Full Court of Appeal this morning.

In one case Mr Justice T. J. Gould remarked that it was bordering on impertinence when the prisoner, Lam Hing, declared that he had no reason for appealing other than wanting to act a part. Yet they seem to act a part. Yet there is a brittle brilliance about them and if done well, the play reduces the audience to a state of hysteria.

Having seen the above, I am now going to see what kind of performance the "Kowloon Cricket Club Players" give of this difficult play. I have seen the play and nothing quite happened as I expected. Here are lines smacking of Shepherd's Market of the twenties, stolen by Antonio Remedios as Jackie Coryton and Benito Remedios as Sorel Bliss. Then came Clara, the maid, played by Micky Chamberlain, and the audience gave her a great hand. However, excepting through the lines were she does not make up in mop cap, sit does, of course, dear and "darling" the guests, and here she acted.

Robbie Roberts came into his own in the third act; up to then he was not sufficiently cynically selfish in character of David Bliss. Sandy Tyrell, an amateur boxer, should remember he is absolutely at contrast with Simon Bliss, different in every way.

Tony Hallam succeeds in never feeling "at home" and never wanting to, for we are aware he is the Diplomat, Richard Gresham, and rarely does his diplomacy fail him even in the most compromising situations.

Sorel, and Simon Bliss, (Jack Ingall) are deliciously rude. At the most inappropriate moments. They team up well, and respond to cues as the play demands in the first and third acts. Myra Arundel is played by Geraldine Heron. It is a wonderful part and Geraldine plays it as directed, and here I make some observations.

The tempo of the play is too slow. Coward never waits for audience response; his dialogue is like machine-gun fire and if the audience is not keyed up to his rhythm then it is too bad for them. I should suggest that Myra cracks back her lines at Judith; they are supposed to be spontaneous, not considered.

Now this is the first big thing attempted by the K.C.C. Players, and they've certainly chosen a difficult play. The audience enjoyed it; there were plenty of laughs. Again from the points I have made it was well produced by Jim Hudson and he and his players deserve to be congratulated; and allow us to see plenty of them in the future.

John Luft